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Onsite Sewage System Rules WAC 246-272A

State Board of Health – July 13, 2005

Purpose of Regulations

- Prevent human contact with sewage by assuring system is properly:
 - Located
 - Designed & installed
 - Used & cared for
- Results in increased probability of:
 - Long-term system life
 - Long-term cost savings for owner

Main Categories of Change

- Product registration
- Technical design requirements
- O&M/Local planning



Recent Time Frame

March 9, 2005

Public hearing -
original proposal

Recent Time Frame

May 11, 2005

- Continuance
- File supplemental proposal

Recent Time Frame

May 24 – June 22

Public comment on
supplemental
proposal

Recent Time Frame

July 13, 2005

Public hearing -
supplemental
proposal

Differences: Original and Supplemental Proposals

- -0015 – Local Planning
 - Detailed planning - Only 12 Puget Sound counties
 - Deadline for plan – July 1, 2007
- -0234(8) - Drainfield sizes in sandy soils
- -0270(1)(k) - Transfer of maintenance records upon sale
- -0320 – Minimum land area/lot size

Effective Dates

Product Registration Sections

September 15, 2005 – Process begins

March 15, 2007 – New listing required

Balance of SBOH Rule

September 15, 2006

LHJ/DOH Rule Implementation Activities

9/2005

9/2006

7/2007

9/2009

Puget Sound Planning

DOH guidance document

LHJ Plans completed

SBOH Rules

DOH training/guidance
for LHJs

LHJ rule preparation

Rule is effective

DOH rule evaluation

Next Steps

- Develop contracts with Puget Sound counties – local plans & data systems
- Develop guidance for local plans, assist LHJ
- Work with LHJs/industry to develop common inspection forms
- Expand/enhance homeowner education
- Identify & promote repair funding options

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